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21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ST LOUIS COUNTY
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16SL-CC04134

**NORMAN FAUGHT V TARGET
CORPORATION ET AL****Security Level: 1 Public****Case Type:** CC Pers Injury-Vehicular**Case Filing Date:** 08-Nov-2016**Status:** Pet Filed in Circuit Ct**Disposition:****Disposition Date:**Release/Status
Change DateReason

Judge

BARBARA W WALLACE (27589)

Plaintiff

NORMAN FAUGHT (@1174478)

Attorney for Plaintiff

DAVID NICHOLAS BOHRER (44901)

Defendant

TARGET CORPORATION (@1174472)

Defendant

GRACEY ROOPE (@1174474)Filing DateDescription

08-Nov-2016

Judge Assigned

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Petition.

On Behalf Of: NORMAN FAUGHT**Filing Info Sheet eFiling****Filed By: DAVID N BOHRER**

09-Nov-2016

Summons Issued-Circuit

Document ID: 16-SMCC-8733, for TARGET CORPORATION. Summons Attached in PDF Form for Attorney to Retrieve from Secure Case.Net and Process for Service.

Service/Attempt Date: 23-Nov-2016**Summons Issued-Circuit**

Document ID: 16-SMCC-8734, for ROOPE, GRACEY. Summons Attached in PDF Form for Attorney to Retrieve from Secure Case.Net and Process for Service.

Service/Attempt Date: 26-Nov-2016

29-Nov-2016

Summons Returned Non-Est

Document ID - 16-SMCC-8734; Served To - ROOPE, GRACEY; Server - WHITFIELD, LINDA; Served Date - 26-NOV-16; Served Time - 00:00:00; Service Type - Territory 25; Reason Description - Moved; Service Text - MOVED

Agent Served

Document ID - 16-SMCC-8733; Served To - TARGET CORPORATION; Server - CT CORP; Served Date - 23-NOV-16; Served Time - 00:00:00; Service Type - Territory 30; Reason Description - Served; Service Text - LC



IN THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: BARBARA W WALLACE	Case Number: 16SL-CC04134	FILED DEC 01 2016 JOAN M. GILMER CIRCUIT CLERK ST LOUIS COUNTY (Date File Stamp)
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(name) (title).

☒ other

Served at 470 (address)

in St. Louis (County/City of St. Louis), MO, on 11-26-16 (date) at 11:26 (time).

Printed Name of Sheriff or Server

Signature of Sheriff or Server

Must be sworn before a notary public if not served by an authorized officer:

(Seal)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

My commission expires:

Date

Notary Public

Sheriff's Fees, if applicable

Summons \$

Non Est \$

Sheriff's Deputy Salary

Supplemental Surcharge \$ 10.00

Mileage \$ (miles @ \$. per mile)

Total \$

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Served at

St. Louis County

(County/City of St. Louis), MO, on

NOV 23 2016

(date) at

9 A.M.

(address)

(time).

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Date

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Summons	\$	_____
Non Est	\$	_____
Sheriff's Deputy Salary		
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Mileage	\$	_____ (_____ miles @ \$ _____ per mile)
Total	\$	_____

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And,

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Defendants.

Cause No. _____

Division No. _____

PETITION

COMES NOW plaintiff Norman Faught ("plaintiff") and for his petition against the above-named defendants states as follows:

1. Plaintiff is a resident of the State of Missouri.
2. Defendant Target Corporation is a Minnesota corporation with retail stores located throughout the United States and the State of Missouri. At all

times herein defendant was acting by and through its agents, servants and employees, who were acting in the scope and course of their employment at the Target Store located at 4250 Rusty Road, St. Louis, MO 63128.

3. Defendant Gracey Roope is a Missouri resident. At all times referenced in this petition defendant Gracey Roope was an agent and employee of the subject Target Store, in a position of management, who was acting in the course and scope of her employment at the subject Target Store when the injury to plaintiff occurred. (Defendant Gracey Roope and defendant Target Corporation will hereinafter be collectively referred to as “defendants” herein.)

4. Venue is proper in St. Louis County because plaintiff was injured due to the negligence of defendants and the dangerous and defective condition upon Target Store’s premises at 4250 Rusty Road, St. Louis, MO 63128.

5. On or about May 30, 2013, plaintiff was an invitee shopper at the Target Store. While within the store, defendants negligently caused plaintiff to sustain injuries to his back and hips due to defendant’s negligent acts and omissions, and because of a dangerous and defective condition upon Target Corporation’s premises.

6. In particular, the “seat” portion of a stool at the Target Café was permitted to sit atop its floor-mounted base without being attached to the base. By all appearances the stool seat, which was placed in its normal position next to other

stools at the Target Café, appeared to be a safe stool upon which to sit. Plaintiff purchased a cup of coffee at the Target Café while his wife continued to shop at the store, and attempted to sit on the stool to drink his coffee. Because the seat portion of the stool was not attached to its base, plaintiff was thrown into an adjacent seating area, permanently injuring his body.

7. Defendants owed the highest duty of care to plaintiff.

8. Defendants knew or should have known that the subject stool was a dangerous and defective condition upon Target Store's premises.

9. Defendants breached their duties of care to defendants in numerous ways, including:

- a) Defendants left a stool seat atop its floor-mounted stand, in the seating area of the Target Café, without having attached the stool seat to its base;
- b) Defendants removed the hardware necessary to attach the seat of the stool to the base of the stool, and failed to replace such hardware;
- c) Defendants failed to place a warning sign on or near the stool seat even though it was not attached to its base;
- d) Defendants permitted a dangerous and defective condition to remain on its property, even though defendants knew or

should have known of the dangerous and defective condition, thereby directly and proximately causing injury to plaintiff;


- e) Defendants permitted plaintiff to attempt to sit upon a stool seat at the Target Café, when they knew or should have known that the stool seat was not attached to the stool base;
- f) Defendants failed to properly maintain the stool upon which plaintiff attempted to sit.

9. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' negligence and defendants' liability for having a defective and dangerous condition upon its premises, plaintiff was damaged as follows: plaintiff has suffered from injuries, pain and mental anguish and plaintiff will suffer from injuries, pain and mental anguish in the future; plaintiff has underwent medical treatment and plaintiff will undergo medical treatment in the future; plaintiff has incurred medical expenses and plaintiff will incur medical expenses in the future; plaintiff has incurred lost wages and plaintiff will incur lost wages in the future; plaintiff has incurred out-of-pocket expenses and plaintiff will incur out-of-pocket expenses in the future; and plaintiff has incurred property damages.

WHEREFORE plaintiff Norman Faught prays for judgment in his favor and against defendant Target Corporation and defendant Gracey Roope in a fair

and reasonable amount in excess of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00),
and for his costs expended, and for such additional relief as the Court deems just
and proper.

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I certify and attest that the above is a true copy of the original record of the Court in case number 16SL-CC04134 as it appears on file in my office.

Issued

December 20, 2016



JOAN M. GILMER, Circuit Clerk
St. Louis County Circuit Court

By

Sarah E. Lee
Deputy Clerk